

**FREMONT OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2005**

DRAFT MINUTES - UNAPPROVED

Present: Co-Chairpersons Janice O'Brien and Kenn Jones; Matt Thomas, Jean Ragonese, Jack Karcz, Bill Johnson, and Noreen Johnson

7:10 pm. Janice opened the meeting.

A guest presented a proposal to sell part of her 17 acre Fremont property as an easement. The Properties Committee voted to review the criteria of this parcel.

The Properties Committee will meet on TUESDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2005 AT 7:00 pm.

Janice asked if we wanted to pursue the Smith property discussed at October meeting. Mike Speltz reports that Brentwood is interested in preserving all or a portion. It was decided that we should meet with Brentwood personnel in the near future to see their feelings and getting their consent to participate by up to \$1500 for 1/3 portion of appraisal. Janice will also make arrangements to meet with the Smiths to see their intent and/or commitment and ask their consent for 1/3 of the appraisal fee. Our Fremont Conservation Commission will be asked to contribute the other 1/3.

The final work is being completed on the Lawrence property. Signage will not be ready until Spring but we hope to have publicity about the sale when completed soon.

Bond amount for 2006 was discussed. \$1 million or \$1.5 Million were amounts suggested. The members present felt that we need more committee members to attend our meetings and have input to this important decision. e-mail or call Janice or Kenn with your thoughts on the Bond amount. Do we do just site specific amount or a larger figure?

If possible a decision and amount will be available for the Smith property for Town Meeting in March. One member felt that if the residents do not vote in the March 2006 Town Meeting for a substantial Bond to continue to do our work that perhaps we need to re-think our importance and continued work of conserving land.

Janice was commended for her articles in the local newspapers and in our Fremont Newsletter about our committee and the work we're doing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Next meeting on TUESDAY DECEMBER 6, 2005 7:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE ABOVE MENTION – WE NEED MORE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS. PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND IN DECEMBER AS WE WILL HAVE TO DECIDE ON BOND AMOUNT AT THIS MEETING.

Submitted

Noreen Johnson
Secretary

